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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) El Monte – Gunman who Killed El Monte Police Officers was on Probation for Gun Charge

(U) Justin Flores, 35, the man who killed two El Monte police officers was on probation for illegally carrying a gun. Flores was arrested in 2020 and charged with possessing methamphetamine, a handgun and ammunition, he pleaded no contest in February 2021 to possessing a firearm as a felon. He previously served two prison terms for burglary and car theft, had been prohibited from carrying a gun since 2011. Though the gun conviction could have sent him to prison for three years, Flores was sentenced to two years' probation and 20 days in jail, which he'd already served.

SOURCE: 15 June 2022, [Los Angeles Times](#)

(U) Sacramento – Police Chief Unveils Plan to Combat Rise in Violent Crime

(U) Sacramento's police chief announced a new plan to decrease violent crime within the city with plans for community partnerships and data analysis. Violent crime in Sacramento has increased over the last three years, with a 70.5% change since 2019. Chief Kathy Lester told the city council that data gathered by the department outlined three distinct areas where violent crime was the highest within Sacramento. Data showed Del Paso Heights, Oak Park and Meadowview, and Valley Hi accounted for around 45% of gun incidents in 2021. By the numbers, out of 945 incidents of gun violence, 423 were reported between those distinct geographic areas.

SOURCE: 15 June 2022, [CBS Sacramento](#)

(U) Sacramento – CAL FIRE Continues to See Increase in Arson Arrests

(U) Since 2016, CAL FIRE has seen a continuous increase in arson arrests and based on current numbers it appears that 2022 will continue that trend. As of 31 May, 2022, there have been 69 arson arrests with 42 related to wildland fires and CAL FIRE Law Enforcement Staff Chief Gianni Muschetto said that there will be an increase in total arson arrests from 2021. These arrests occur year-round Muschetto said, but CAL FIRE does see an increase in wildland arsons arrests when conditions are the driest. With these continued increases in arrests CAL FIRE officers are patrolling areas known for arson fires or where suspicious activity has been seen to occur, according to Muschetto.

SOURCE: 14 June 2022, [Fox40](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Arizona – Two Arrested on Suspicion of Shooting Police Detective

(U) Phoenix – Ahmani Gordon, 22, and Aaron Ware, 22, have been identified as the two men suspected of shooting at a detective with the Phoenix Police Department's Crime Impact Unit while she was conducting a crime gun investigation inside an unmarked vehicle, police said in a news release. Gordon and Ware got out of their car with guns drawn and masks over their faces and both began firing at the

vehicle. The detective was struck multiple times as she got out of the car. Officials found the suspect vehicle at a nearby residence and arrested Gordon and Ware, who were booked on attempted first-degree murder. The detective is recovering in the hospital and no one else was injured during the shooting.

SOURCE: 15 June 2022, [AZ Central](#)

(U) Mississippi – Man Charged After Threatening to Shoot Up Church, Police Say

(U) Southaven – Southaven Police responded to both Brown Missionary Baptist Church locations on Swinnea Road and Stateline Road yesterday after receiving a call from Quincy A. Higgins threatening to “shoot up” the church. When police arrived at the church, Higgins was on the scene and taken into custody without incident, according to Southaven Police. He was charged with making a terroristic threat and had a warrant for contempt of court.

SOURCE: 15 June 2022, [Fox13 Memphis](#)

(U) New York – Buffalo Suspect Charged with Federal Hate Crimes

(U) Buffalo – Payton Gendron, 18, was charged yesterday with federal hate-crime violations and a federal gun offense in the mass shooting at a Buffalo grocery store that left 10 Black people dead last month, making him potentially eligible for the death penalty. In an 11-page criminal complaint filed in US District Court, the FBI’s lead investigator wrote that the evidence showed there is probable cause that Gendron shot 11 Black people at the Tops Friendly Markets because of “their actual and perceived race and color.”

SOURCE: 15 June 2022, [The Washington Post](#)

(U) Tennessee – Police Arrest Third Suspect in Mass Shooting

(U) Chattanooga – A third arrest has been made in a mass shooting in Chattanooga, where three people died and 14 were injured and police made another appeal to the public to help identify possible suspects. Rodney Harris, 31, was charged Tuesday in federal court with possession of a firearm by a felon, according to an affidavit filed with the US District Court for Eastern Tennessee. He was seen in a Facebook live video carrying a rifle in front of Mary’s Bar & Grill and was among the gunshot victims, according to the affidavit.

SOURCE: 15 June 2022, [US News](#)

(U) Virginia – John Hinckley Jr. Freed from Court Oversight

(U) Norfolk – John Hinckley Jr., who shot and wounded President Ronald Reagan in 1981, was freed from court oversight yesterday, officially concluding decades of supervision by legal and mental health professionals. The lifting of all restrictions had been expected since late September. US District Court Judge Paul L. Friedman said he’d free Hinckley on 15 June if he continued to remain mentally stable in the community in Virginia where he has lived since 2016. Hinckley, who was acquitted by reason of insanity, spent the decades before that in a Washington mental hospital.

SOURCE: 15 June 2022, [Associated Press](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Mali – US Embassy Issues Security Alert for Possible Terrorist Attack

(U) Bamako – The US Embassy in Mali advised US citizens that a terrorist attack in Bamako may be planned targeting Malian government offices, the airport, and/or locations frequented by Westerners

including diplomatic facilities, hotels, and restaurants. A daily curfew has been implemented for Embassy employees from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. local time and employee travel within Bamako may be limited.

SOURCE: 16 June 2022, [US Embassy](#)

(U) Mexico – Armed Groups Swarm Through City

(U) Mexico City – Dozens of heavily armed men swarmed through the city of San Cristobal de las Casas, and President Andrés Manuel López Obrador said that one person was killed in confrontations between two gangs. López Obrador said the confrontation involved “two groups that are fighting for control of a market” in San Cristobal. The dispute apparently involved the control of contraband sold in the market.

SOURCE: 15 June 2022, [ABC News](#)

(U) Syria – US Led Raid Captures Senior ISIS Leader

(U) Damascus – The US-led combined joint task force fighting ISIS has detained a senior ISIS leader in Syria, the coalition said in a statement. "The detained individual was assessed to be an experienced bomb maker and facilitator who became one of the group's top leaders in Syria." "There were no civilians harmed during the operation nor any damage to Coalition aircraft or assets," the coalition claimed in the statement.

SOURCE: 15 June 2022, [CNN](#)

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